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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am

Tower Chimes

Music to gather

"Musical Instruments"

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Welcome

* Call To Worship: Psalm 89

One: I will sing of the Lord's unfailing love forever! Young and old will hear of your faithfulness.

Many: Your unfailing love will last forever. Your faithfulness is as enduring as the heavens.

One: All heaven will praise your great wonders Lord; myriads of angels will praise you for your faithfulness!

Many: The highest angelic powers stand in awe of God. God is far more awesome than all who surround God's throne.

One: Where is there anyone as mighty as you, O, Lord? You are entirely faithful!

All: The heavens are yours, and the earth is yours; everything in the world is yours- you created it all!

Hymn

"The Church's One Foundation"

#386

Prayer of Confession

One: Let us join together to reflect on the places where we fall short, trusting that God will give us the strength to keep working on ourselves and improving each day.

Many: Triune God, Creator, Son, and Spirit One, we praise you! When we were yet strangers you welcomed us, and when we felt like outsiders you called us into the fold. Even now, when we are broken and in need of healing you make us well! We ask for your grace for the times that we forget to share the good

news of your gospel; forgive us for the times we should shine your light but are afraid. Let us stand with the strength of children of Light, and help us to be Your house, a Holy Temple where all are welcomed and loved. Amen!

Confession Response 🎵 Hymn #465, Verse 3

Guard me, O Christ, that I may ne'er forsake the right, or do the wrong;
Against temptation make me strong, and keep me in your sheltering care

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news again today, even when we feel alone or lost, Jesus calls to us, welcoming us and uniting us together in love!

Many: Let us strive to be the church, moving and working in the world as the hands and feet of Jesus!

Gloria 🎵

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.***

Scripture:

Ephesians 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Doris Todd

Hymn

"Spirit of the Living God"

#283

***Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.***

Children's Moment

Pastor Becky Sausser

Sermon:

"Here Comes the Sun"

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Hymn

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

#23

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer Response # 329, verse 2

Your truth unchanged has ever stood;
you plead with all to call on you;
To those still seeking, you are good;
to those who find you, life is new

Announcements

Jeff Rissell

Hymn "In Christ There Is No East or West" #394

Commission and Blessing

"Threefold Amen" #812
Amen, amen, amen.

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Following the service, everyone is invited to the Trinity Room for light refreshments and fellowship.



**Our hands.
God's work.**

**No matter who you are or where you are on life's
journey, you're welcome here.
God is still speaking, ...**

Personal **hearing devices** are available from an usher in rear of church.

In emergencies, please use exits found to left and right of the altar,
to the right of the front pew, and at the rear of the sanctuary.
Follow **EXIT** signs.

Use of **electronic devices** during worship may be distracting to your
neighbor. Please refrain unless a personal emergency.

Please make sure your name has been added to the church attendance each Sunday.
Then if contact tracing is necessary, we will be able to notify you. Thank you.

Serving St. John's...

Pastor Becky Sausser.....Pastor
Lois Mease..... Music Director and Organist
April Riddick.....Custodian
Jim Saylor.....Sunday Sexton
Claudia Ewald.....Administrative Assistant

And too many volunteers to list!